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The Flag of Freedom

This year the nation will do homage to the flag of the nation with a new emphasis. All for which it stands is etched more sharply into our consciousness as the flag itself is silhouetted against the skies over every continent and every ocean.

Flag Day, Sunday, June 14, will serve to remind and to teach the nation, as never before, the significance of the Stars and Stripes. We will remember that this banner of ours, born out of our struggle for freedom, has been hallowed by the lives of all who have fallen in battle under its colors. It has been the banner which has led every army to victory. Today it is a token of the unity of this nation in the colossal task which confronts us.

But the flag of the United States of America is more than these. It is the foremost flag of peace. Loved and revered by the citizen of this nation it has likewise won the love and gratitude of thousands under other flags, representing for them their only hope for a better world.

Accustomed to the secure protection which all have enjoyed in our lifetime under this nation's flag, there are still those who take the blessings afforded for granted and fail to regard the meaning of the flag at all. For them Flag Day this year should be an awakening to a new sense of obligation.

Indeed, all of us are aroused to pay homage to "Old Glory", and we welcome the reminder which Flag Day brings. We are, for the first time, conscious of the absence of the flag from places where it should be waving. We remember what it means to our men whom we have sent to keep it flying, with their lives, if need be. To them it means homeland, loved ones, all that it worth fighting for and dying for freedom, justice, all that these other nations long for and will not possess unless we keep it also the flag of victory. For them, as well as for us, our flag stands for the hope of liberation.

So let us keep the flag flying - over our town and over our doorways, everywhere, for the duration. Our boys will be glad to know that the flag means as much to us at home as to them.

Progress Of The War

DURING the past week momentous happenings on many fronts have been largely in favor of the Allies. The battle of Midway Island which began last week promises to be one of the major engagements of the war. Admiral Nimitz disclosed yesterday increased losses by the Japanese, showing that the force of men and ships defeated by the Americans was an armada of more than 30 warships, with half of them casualties in the first three days of battle. Thousands of the enemy perished, and the fleeing remnant could not stop to pick up their men who were cast into the sea.

The score of losses shows two, possibly three, aircraft carriers sunk with all their planes, one destroyer and three battleships and probably 11 other ships damaged. American losses show one destroyer, one aircraft carrier damaged and an undisclosed number of planes.

Two cracks at the Japanese have come to us from irrepressible editors. The Honolulu daily headlined, "Japs Lose Pants Trying To Save Face." A Chinese newspaper made a pun in English, "There Are No Limits to Nimitz."

Simultaneously with the Midway attack, the enemy sent another armada against the Aleutian Islands at Dutch Harbor. Claims that the Japs have landed an invading force there were denied Wednesday.

The battle on the Libyan desert continues to rage with new peaks of fury. American tanks and planes are playing a vital part in hurling back the mass of reinforcements brought up by General Rommel.

The situation is grave on the Kharkov front in Russia where Marshall Timoshenko's recent surprise offensive broke up the Nazi advance on the Caucasian oil fields. The Sevastopol fortress and naval base is holding out against overwhelming odds, as Nazis pour in fresh troops.

The Germans continue fiendish vengeance against the Czechs for the assassination of the "butcher" Heydrich by wiping out a whole village, murdering the male population and taking surviving women and children to concentration camps.

Thousands of RAF and American planes have been sweeping over Germany and enemy-held ports and military bases with devastating destruction of Nazi means of production. The great city of Cologne, center of arms and munition plants, is in ruins. However, from an aerial photograph, one of the world's greatest buildings, the great Gothic

THE POCKETBOOK OF KNOWLEDGE

THE LUMBER REQUIRED TO CARVE A SCHEMER FOR SHIPMENT IS ENOUGH TO BUILD A FIVE ROOM HOUSE

ONE SOURCE OF SUPPLY FOR THE TROPICAL HILL RIVER OF EGYPT IS THE MELTING SNOW FROM THE MOUNTAINS OF EQUATORIAL AFRICA

MICROPHONES CONCEALED IN THE FENCES THAT SURROUND ARMY FACTORIES HELP TO GUARD AGAINST SABOTAGE. IF AN INTRUDER TOUCHES THE FENCE THE SOUND IS CARRIED TO THE PLANT GUARDHOUSE AS A WARNING SIGNAL.

INDUSTRY BRINGS EMPLOYEE HEALTH--75 PERCENT OF 2,000 AMERICAN FACTORIES COVERED BY A RECENT SURVEY HAVE ROOMS EQUIPPED FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT OF EMPLOYEES

ONE NEW WAR PLANT HAS A "THREE-HEX LAYER OF MOVING WATER" ON THE ROOF TO HELP KEEP THE PLANT COOL IN SUMMER.

cathedral, may still be seen outlined by its cross shaped roof intact. For this, all Christendom is thankful.

Allied shipping in the Atlantic continues to be destroyed at an alarming rate—three more reported yesterday, making a total of 258 since Pearl Harbor. Against this is the fact stated by Chairman Vinson of the Naval committee that not a single American soldier had been lost in transport to foreign fronts. It is evident that the navy is not equal yet to adequate patrol to protect merchant shipping. In addition, eight American cargo carriers have been sunk between Hawaii and California.

The American and British heads of food supply have pooled all supplies, as all arms output is under joint control. This will enable the Allies to work with greater efficiency and economy in the battle of production.

Great Britain's minister of production, Oliver Littleton, speaking from Washington to a radio audience Wednesday night gave amazing figures of British war production, saying that the swiftly rising rate of American production would soon exceed Britain's. Upon this rising tide of Allied production the fate of the world largely depends. But, as Littleton said, the most important factor is manpower.

Press Comment

IS IT RIGHT?
The past decade has brought about great improvements in housing conditions in the cities, while rural homes have declined in number, value and livability.

From 1930 to 1940 the value of farm buildings, including dwellings, declined 9.7 per cent, according to the National Planning Association, and it is estimated that "in 1940 at least one million farm homes were in urgent need of replacement." We don't begrudge city folks their nice homes; but this striking contrast in urban and rural living conditions prompts us again to ask:

"Is it right that thirty per cent of the people of the United States—our farm population—should receive only twelve per cent of the national income?"
—Carolina Cooperator.

ANGUISHED PROTEST

A demure chambermaid testifying in a New York court as to what she had observed in her hotel where a murder had been committed, uttered an exclamation that should be heard the length and breadth of this democratic land.

Turning defiantly on the cross-examining attorney, she shouted: "Don't you holler at me, Misttr, please. You'd think I was guilty of something, the way you holler."

Anybody familiar with court procedure takes for granted the regular practice of lawyers browbeating witnesses for the purpose of disconcerting, confusing and unnerving them. A fierce and truculent manner with witnesses is the main reliance of some lawyers to fret guilty clients.

An ordinary witness, probably on the stand for the first time in his or her life, finds the ordeal very trying at best. He is honest and sincere, and from a sense of duty desires to furnish what light he can for the sake of justice. Unexpectedly he finds himself badgered and bullied, his word is impeached, his motives are impugned, and he is glared at as if he were to blame for the whole thing. And the judge, the jury and the spectators take it all as

normal. Why is a citizen, accustomed to respect and consideration every where else, treated like a cur when he is compelled to take the witness chair?

If is served the ends of justice there might be a defense for it. The contrary is the fact. The shouting lawyer, with his pretended indignation, is trying to subvert justice by making the nervous and defenseless witness contradict himself. He is openly seeking to empear testimony.

This practice is unfair, undemocratic and a disgrace to American jurisprudence. The little New York chambermaid spoke for all decent America in her anguished protest.

"DEMOCRACY IN DANGER"

A Louisiana congressman said our democracy is in danger because of the ridicule of congressmen by newspapers.

Was he more angry than truthful?

A member of the English parliament gets a salary of \$2,000 per year. A congressman gets \$10,000 a year. (Through nepotism many congressmen's families get much more through easy jobs).

A member of parliament gets no pension. American congressmen tried to slip through a pension bill and back-tracked only because of pitiless publicity on the part of newspapers.

Members of parliament asked for no special consideration in gas rationing. Hundreds of congressmen get unlimited "X" gas rationing cards, even though their official salaries would not have been affected if they got no gas at all. Thousands of traveling salesmen and others who make their living by the use of gas, are cut down to very meager gas rations.

"Democracy in danger?" Yes, indeed, when congressmen vote and act in such selfish ways.

Newspapers are doing their best to keep democracy out of danger.
—Rock Hill Herald.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our friends and relatives for the kindness and sympathy shown toward us during the sickness and death of our dear husband and father. Also for the beautiful floral bearings. Mrs. Hez Dills and children.

This and That

By FRANKIE MACON

It sounds confusing but it seems that the principal fear of the Germans in Russia is that a front may be opened in their rear.

There are too many experts making predictions as to when the war will be over. Maybe we need a tax on excess prophets?

A noted surgeon says in a magazine article that no surgical operation is a laughing matter. It does, however, leave the patient in stitches.

But if they stop running automobiles, how are the hitch-hikers going to travel?

Admiral Land advocates "some form of freezing for all labor relations." But how can they freeze em when they're so hot?

A pessimistic New York paper says the war will last a hundred years. We hate to have to wait that long to find out whether he's wrong.

Maybe those interned Japs from the West Coast are being housed at the Santa Anita race-track in the hope that they may acquire a little horse sense.

Stopping the production of typewriters won't be so bad if it stops the production of some of the drivel that's written on them.

Poet's Corner

The following poem was published recently in The Charlotte News, shortly after that city practised a Blackout:

"BLACKOUT"

On a quiet Sunday night
A siren screamed:
Blackout!
And quickly everybody's light
Snapped out.

Daddy, why are we in the dark?
A small boy asked.
Lights out!
Fumbling for the right remark
Dad went out.

Dad went out and saw the sky
Sprinkled clean
With stars.
And there he found the answer why
Lights were out.

Son, he said, when he came back,
We're in the dark
They say,

Because we see best, after black,
The light of day.
—John A. Johnson

THE TEACHER MUSES

(By Request of a Macon County Teacher)

Year after year they come to me
These children, with questioning
looks,

Year after year they leave me,
As they leave their outgrown
books;

And I wonder sometimes if I've
taught them
Just some of the worthwhile
things,

Just some of the things they'll need
in life,
Be they peasants, or poets, or
kings.

Of course, they've learned civics
and history,

And how to divide and add,
But have they learned that these
are not all

That make life sad or glad?
Have I taught them the value of
smiling

When things are at their worst?
Have I taught them there's nothing
that helps like a song

When the heart seems ready to
burst?

Have I taught them the joy of
clean living?

That Honor is better than Fame?
That good friends are the greatest
of treasures?

Wealth, less than an untarnished
name?
Have I taught them respect to the
aged?

Protection to those that are weak?
That silence always is golden
When gossip bids them speak?

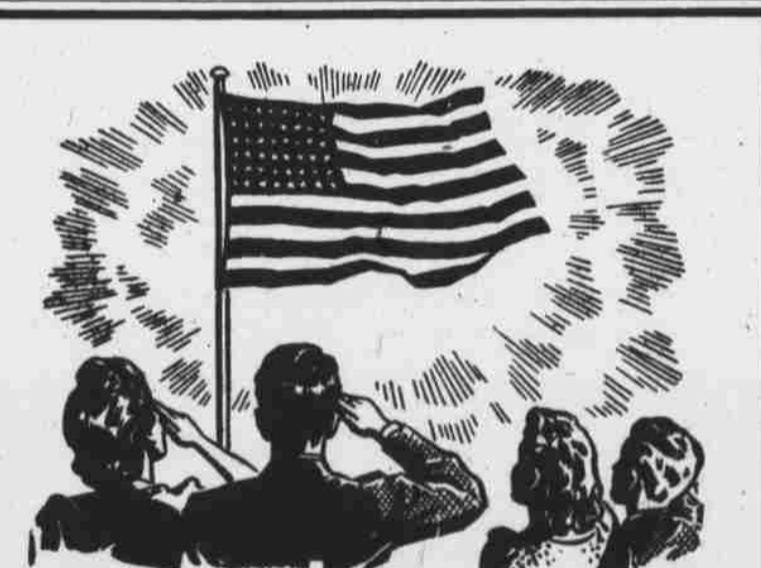
Have I taught them that Fear is a
coward
Who is beaten when they say, "I
can"?

That Courtesy ranks with Courage
In the heart of the real gentleman?

Have I taught them these things
and the others
That will help make them brave,
kind, and true?

If I have, then, I care not if they
tell me
That Irkutsk is a town in Peru!
—R. J. GALE

Your pocketbook and your check-
book are no longer just symbols
of what you can buy for your-
self and your family—also for your
country. Your state has a Bond
quota to meet! Remember that!
Don't waste anything, for that
means wasted money. Wasted
money is wasted lives in wartime.
Every dollar you can save should
go toward War Bonds to help
your state meet its quota.



We Pledge Allegiance...

To the flag of the United States . . . and to the Freedoms for which it stands. To preserve these rights, we pledge our lives and fortunes that this country may continue to be "one nation, indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all!"

FLAG DAY JUNE 14

The day after Pearl Harbor our flag went up in front of our store. It is put out every morning and taken in every evening—just as Uncle Sam orders.

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